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**PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF MONTANA
June 2, 2009**

Present: Commissioners Lythgoe, Weber and Kirsch; Cheryl Haasakker, Sheila Hogan, Bud Sidderits, Marilyn McCauley

MINUTES

Commissioner Weber moved to approve the minutes of May 19. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

HB546 GRANT AWARD

Commissioner Lythgoe read a letter from the Department of Commerce regarding HB645 which provides \$10 million in grants for counties. Jefferson County is to receive \$167,387 for a sewer project on the south campus. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that we will have to pull all of the partners together and start working on this.

TSEP GRANT AWARD

Commissioner Lythgoe read a letter from the Department of Commerce regarding a TSEP grant for Jefferson County for a bridge project. The grant is for \$160,690 and will require match from Jefferson County, most of which will be in-kind.

TASK ORDER 39

Commissioner Lythgoe noted the receipt of Task order 39 from Great West Engineering regarding TSEP engineering design.

Commissioner Weber moved to sign the task order. Commissioner Lythgoe seconded. The motion carried.

STEWARDS OF THE RANGE

Commissioner Lythgoe read a letter from Stewards of the Range asking for a donation.

Commissioner Weber stated that Stewards of the Range takes the lead in coordinating between counties and federal and state agencies. He and Matt Johnson have attended conferences put on

by Stewards of the Range to learn more about coordination status. Jefferson County has met with both the Forest Service and the BLM and both agencies have agreed to work on coordinating status. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that we will look at the different levels of support. Commissioner Weber moved to support the Stewards of the Range with \$100 this year, the money to come from PILT. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

CALENDAR REVIEW

- 6/03 Solid Waste Board budget meeting - Montana City - 11:30
Library Board - courtroom - 4:00
- 6/04 MTAG - Clancy - 5:00
Library sub-committee - Clancy - 6:00
- 6/05 MACo District meeting - Dillon - 10:00

COMMISSION REPORTS

FOREST PARK RID

Commissioner Lythgoe reported that he and Great West had a meeting with Forest Park Estates residents regarding the formation of a RID/RMD. Great West is in the process of developing new figures for the project. A letter will be sent out with the new figures and they will be coming in with a petition that the RID be formed.

NORTH-END TIF DISTRICT

Commissioner Lythgoe reported that he met with Tara Mastel and Tom Harrington in Whitehall on Wednesday to discuss a Tax Increment Finance district on the north end, specifically as it relates to CRETEX coming into the county. They are looking at a meeting in the next few weeks with Ash Grove Citizens Advisory Group. It would be to Ash Grove's advantage if a TIF district were formed in that area.

SALARY COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Lythgoe reported that the salary compensation committee met to determine the increases for elected officials. The group is formed from elected officials and two citizens at large. It was decided that there will be a 2% increase for the elected officials, the same that was offered to the unions.

MARTINEZ GULCH RID

Commissioner Lythgoe reported that he met with Great West and Ken Vivrette on Monday regarding Martinez Gulch. There were some concerns from Great West, who is the County's engineering firm. Great West is not working on the Martinez Gulch RSID.

PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY

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Commissioner Weber reported that he attended a meeting in Dillon on the 28th. There is a group that opposes the Partnership Strategy who feels that the Forest Service unfairly incorporated the Partnership Strategy into the new Forest Plan. It is their desire to have the counties that are in the Beaverhead-Deer Lodge National Forest come up with their own partnership strategy to offer a solution instead of the Partnership Strategy. They feel that instead of just opposing what is already there, they think we should be working towards something that gives better local control to the management of the forests and meets the needs of more groups than just the forest products and environmental groups that drew up the original strategy. This effort so far includes Jefferson, Madison and Beaverhead Counties and Butte-Silver Bow have representatives that have been attending meetings.

COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE

Commissioner Weber reported that he and Commissioner Kirsch met with Gary Hablutzel that morning to discuss the County's health insurance. There will be a 9% increase on premiums for the next fiscal year. They discussed options to decrease costs

MONTANA MINING ASSOCIATION

Commissioner Kirsch reported that he went to Fairmont on the 27th for a Montana Mining Association meeting. They discussed the future of mining in Montana.

WATERSHED TOUR

Commissioner Kirsch reported that on the 29th he took part in an all-day tour of the watershed at Fish Creek. The watersheds are getting overgrown with conifers which take the water from smaller creeks which then dry up. He said that it was a very educational meeting, and a real eye-opener.

ITEMS FOR COMMISSIONERS ACTION OR REVIEW

PRESENTATION OF NORTH METAL MINES GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

Sheila Hogan presented the Commission with a report from the metal mines committee outlining the grants applied for and the ranking for each application.

Commissioner Lythgoe asked about the North Jefferson County baseball field and where it is to be located. Sheila said that it would be by the school. Commissioner Weber said that it would be off of Antelope Drive. Commissioner Lythgoe said that there was an access issue and asked if this was discussed. Commissioner Kirsch said that it was. Commissioner Weber said that the access issue has been resolved. Commissioner Lythgoe said that it has been, but if there is going to be a lot of added traffic, the homeowner's association had huge concerns regarding safety, dust, etc.

Commissioner Lythgoe asked about the \$10,000 recommendation for the carousel project and what that money is to be used for. He noted that they asked for \$20,000, but the suggested award is \$10,000; and asked what they will be able to do with that amount. Sheila said that they have

been doing other fundraising, but she is not sure. Commissioner Weber stated that if he remembers correctly, it will pay for the footings and cement. Commissioner Kirsch said that when they reach a certain amount of funds raised, they will be getting an additional amount of funding from Ash Grove.

Sheila stated that Darrell Miller has offered to help go over the grant application and make some suggestions to the Commission for updates. The committee also asks that \$50,000 be set aside for the next grant cycle, and that the process start a bit earlier in the year, as most projects involve construction.

Commissioner Kirsch stated that he would like to express his appreciation to Sheila for all of the time and effort she put into this process.

Cheryl Haasakker said that she just wanted to say the volunteers that serve on the board were very professional and pleasant to work with.

Marilyn McCauley said that she agrees with Sheila on the time constraints. She would suggest that the applications be due in January.

AWARD BIDS FOR MOONLIGHT RIDGE RSID

Commissioner Lythgoe stated that three bids were presented and opened at the previous meeting. The bids presented were from TMK, Bullock Contracting and Helena Sand & Gravel. The bids were given to Great West Engineering for review. Commissioner Lythgoe read a letter from Great West recommending that the bid be awarded to Helena Sand & Gravel, as the lowest responsive bidder. They noted that the bid came in below the estimates for the project.

Commissioner Lythgoe stated that the engineer's estimate was \$191,091.

Commissioner Weber moved to grant the contract for the Moonlight Ridge RSID to Helena Sand & Gravel in the amount of \$135,135.00. Commissioner Lythgoe seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Weber moved to adjourn. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

ATTEST:

BONNIE RAMEY
CLERK AND RECORDER

TOMAS E. LYTHGOE, CHAIR

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